

Resolution No. XXXX

Authorizing the District to negotiate a Lease Agreement with Albina Sports Program for the Whitaker-Adams Site.

RECITALS

- A. Portland Public Schools used eminent domain in the late 60's to displace and uproot individuals and businesses in order to build Adam High School.
- B. The construction of the school was protested by local community members, who objected to the proposed demolition of houses, businesses, and other buildings. Construction continued.
- C. Portland Public Schools demolish 26 homes, three duplexes, a local greenhouse/nursery known as Knapps and a PGE substation to make room for the school.
- D. The District opened Adams High School in 1969.
- E. Students from Madison, Jefferson, and Grant high schools were 1%, 41%, and 9% African American, respectively.
- F. The population at Adam High School was around 50% African American.
- G. In 1981, due to declining enrollment in PPS, the District closed Adam High School and two other high schools, Washington-Monroe and Jackson.
- H. About a month before the vote to close Adams, board member Herb Cawthorne threatened to file a lawsuit against Portland for closing schools that served a disproportionately high number of students of color.
- I. Whitaker Middle School opened in 1983 on the Whitaker-Adams site.
- J. Whitaker Middle School had around 77% kids of color.
- K. Between 1990 and 2000 numerous environmental tests were conducted on the school, including for carbon dioxide, which revealed elevated levels, the District found mold, radon gas, and other environmental issues that it was unable to mitigate.
- L. The District moved the Whitaker Middle School to the Columbia Whitaker site in 2001.
- M. In 2003, the Whitaker-Adams Stakeholder Advisory Committee recommended the Superintendent fund planning for the potential future development of a new school on approximately 3.5 acres of the northern portion of the site, and by Resolution 3192 on January 24, 2005, the Board provided \$100,000 for the planning and schematic design costs.
- N. The District subsequently merged Whitaker with Tubman Middle School (Resolution 3262 on March 28, 2005).
- O. By Resolution 3326 (Future Use of the Whitaker-Adams Site) on June 13th, the Board:
 - RESOLVED: That the Board of Education affirms its commitment to a community school use of part of the Whitaker-Adams site based on the principles of high performance design

to support academic achievement and shared community use where feasible and its development in the future as part of the educational program of Portland Public Schools; and be it further RESOLVED: That the Board is committed to a community-based redevelopment effort and using creative financing and development methods, and directs district staff to explore a mix of uses on the site, as well as the feasibility of attracting foundation grants and other financial partnerships compatible with the educational needs of the students at the Whitaker site, and to make progress reports to the Board at appropriate intervals; and be it further

- RESOLVED: That the Superintendent is directed to prepare a recommendation as to the future use of this three and one-half acre school site to the Board of Education and to report on the actions necessary to prepare for, identify financing for, and build the recommended educational facility on this site and a timeframe for the implementation of these actions by March 31, 2006; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That one-half of the net proceeds (less closing, demolition, and related costs) from the future sale of the remaining parcels at the Washington High School site shall be dedicated to capital improvements, as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education, on the northern approximate three and one-half acre portion of the Whitaker Middle School site, and the remaining one-half of the said net proceeds shall be dedicated to capital improvements, as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education, at the Jefferson High School site; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the net proceeds (less closing, demolition, and related costs) from the future sale of the southern approximate six and one-half acre portion of the Whitaker Middle School site shall be dedicated to capital improvements, as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education, on the northern approximate three and one-half acre portion of the Whitaker Middle School site.

P. In 2007, the building was demolished.

Q. From 2001 - Present, the land where Whitaker-Adams school is still vacant.

R. In 1965 Phil Walton an Educator working in PPS founded Albina Sports Program, a nonprofit organization that was created to steer Black and brown kids into organized sports where historically they were given unequal access.

S. Albina Sports Program aims to provide a state-of-the-art facility (Albina Sports Complex) for Portland Public School students with a focus on Black and Brown students in PPS's neighborhood schools so they have a safe place and an atmosphere of community.

T. Albina Sports Complex will help eliminate some of the District's facility deserts by creating a complex that will address some of the District's athletics needs.

U. Albina Sports Complex aspires to:

- a. expose additional learning opportunities for our PPS kids in areas like entrepreneurship, technology, artificial intelligence, trade education, financial literacy, credit education
- b. provide jobs for our PPS youth in retail, food services, officiating, program management, and others.
- c. provide mentorship and intensive tutoring
- d. provide cutting-edge facilities that will serve as a secure sanctuary for them.
- e. provide all our PPS students complete access to the facility, and PPS will be able to use the facility for elementary, middle, and high school programming.
- f. provide PPS Students access to the facilities following school hours and during school holidays and vacations.

- g. provide our PPS students the outlet to be evaluated for athletic scholarships at the collegiate level.
- h. have a portion of the Sports Complex's net earnings be allocated to PIL in order to support their supplementary requirements, including programming initiatives and the upkeep of other facilities.

RESOLVED

1. The Board finds that Albina Sports Program, a nonprofit 501c3 that serves underserved PPS students as defined in Policy 8.70.040, confers significant benefits to the district and the community it serves, including advancing the District's racial equity and social justice goals.
2. The Board finds that Albina Sports Program, Albina Sports Complex aligns generally with the district Long Range Facilities Plan of increasing access to athletic facilities across the district for the benefit of PPS students.
3. The Board hereby authorizes a District representative to negotiate a District lease of the Whitaker-Adam site to Albina Sports Program to provide an opportunity to explore the feasibility of planning and building the Albina Sports Complex.
4. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to identify potential capital financial and other resources that could be used in collaboration to build the Albina Sports Complex and Learning Center
5. The Board hereby authorizes a District representative to explore and negotiate possible partnerships with Albina Sports Program for the purpose of the Albina Sports Complex and Learning Center

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